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Request

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Joint Economic Committee is once again assembling a volume on the economy of the U.S.S.R. which will be entitled "Soviet Economy in a Time of Change." We are very much interested in the short-term implications of leadership succession and the long-term problems of Soviet growth and performance.

The compendium will be part of our triannual cycle that most recently included: "Chinese Economy Post Mao" (1978); "East European Economies Post Helsinki" (1977); "Soviet Economy in a New Perspective" (1976). We are appreciative of the significant contribution made by your staff in the past and we once again solicit your assistance.

We have informally discussed our plans with [redacted] of your Office of Economic Research, who, along with his colleagues, has made major contributions to our volumes in the past. As you know, our staffs are currently engaged in a basic research effort on the Chinese economy to be released in a separate volume, "Chinese Economy Post Mao," Volume II. We would also like to have you consider a parallel effort on the Soviet economy emphasizing recomputation of some of the major economic indicators.

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With regard to technical matters, please have your staff communicate directly with Dr. John P. Hardt, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, who will coordinate and edit the compendium.

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Bolling
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